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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR BURKE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, PPDC (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO BAPTIST CONVENTION

1. PLEASE RELAY FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO BAPTIST CONVENTION FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. QUOTE. APRIL 2, 1978. TO MY FELLOW BAPTISTS: BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. I WAS THRILLED TODAY TO WORSHIP WITH GENERAL OBASANJO AND OTHER BAPTISTS TODAY IN LAGOS. OUR BONDS WITH YOU ARE STRONG AS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST. SIGNED JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE.

2. IN ADDITION, PLEASE SEND MESSAGE FROM ME ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE GRATIFICATION EXPERIENCED BY ALL OF US, AMERICANS AND NIGERIANS AND OTHER NATIONALITIES, WHO ATTENDED AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY. THIS SERVICE IN WHICH THE NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE AND THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT JOINED WAS CLEARLY ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF JIMMY CARTER'S HISTORIC VISIT TO NIGERIA AND TO AFRICA. IN PARTICULAR, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE DEPTH OF MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO THOSE KEY INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SO INSTRUMENTAL IN PRODUCING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUNDAY EVENT AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. AMONG MANY OTHERS I SHOULD ESPECIALLY SALUTE DR. OLA AKANDE, DR. BURKS, DEACON AKINROGUNDE, DR. DAHUNSI, ORGANIST COLE, AND THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THOSE MARVOUS CHORAL GROUPS FROM THE YABA BAPTIST CHURCH AND FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. UNQUOTE

3. AS I WILL HOPE TO EVENTUALLY BE ABLE TO SEND MY
PERSONAL THANKS BY SIGNED LETTER, YOU NEED ONLY CONVEY
THIS MESSAGE ORALLY FOR THE TIME BEING UNLESS YOU FIND IT
EASIER TO DO IT IN WRITTEN FORM.

4. THE WRITTEN NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT WILL BE HAND-CARRIED
TO KADUNA BY YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. YOU SHOULD DELIVER IT
TO THE CONVENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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